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GERMAN INTERNET EXCHANGE DEPLOYS FORCE10 NETWORKS C-SERIES RESILIENT SWITCH TO DELIVER COST-EFFECTIVE 10 GIGABIT ETHERNET SERVICES

SAN JOSE, Calif., October 14, 2008 – Force10 Networks®, the pioneer in building and securing reliable networks, today announced that ECIX, a leading Internet exchange in Germany run by the Peering GmbH, has deployed the C-Series resilient switch to cost effectively deliver 10 Gigabit Ethernet peering services to its enterprise and service provider customers in Düsseldorf, Berlin and Hamburg. The Force10 C300 provides the scalable and reliable foundation that enables ECIX to deliver the high-bandwidth services its customers require and to guarantee their service level agreements.

“The doubling of our network traffic over the past year reflects the demand of our growing customer base of service providers and enterprises for greater bandwidth and performance,” said ECIX CEO Stefan Wahl. “Upgrading our network infrastructure with the C300 provides cost-effective density, reliability, and 10 Gig performance that enables us to keep our service prices at an attractive rate.”

As traffic increased on its switch-based network, it became prohibitively expensive to add the 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports to its legacy infrastructure to meet customer demand. To build a cost-effective alternative, ECIX leveraged the high density of the Force10 C300, which supports up to 384 line-rate Gigabit and 64 line-rate 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports in a small form factor. This density provides ECIX with the scalability it requires to satisfy growing customer demand for 10 Gigabit Ethernet peering services between Düsseldorf, Berlin and Hamburg.

With network uptime crucial for an Internet exchange, the Force10 C300 delivers the reliability ECIX requires to guarantee service level agreements. FTOS, the modular Force10 operating system, provides inherent stability and reduces network downtime with online monitoring and service tools as well as configuration rollback that mitigates the impact of human error. In

addition to software reliability, the C300 delivers full hardware resiliency with redundant components and hot insertion technologies that ensure maximum network uptime. The passive copper backplane of the C300 means that it doesn't act as a single point of failure, further ensuring always-on networking.

"Internet Exchanges continue to see rapid traffic growth and are running into cost barriers that are preventing them from expanding their networks to support the demand for 10 Gigabit services," said James Hanley, senior vice president of worldwide sales at Force10 Networks. "The C300 provides these types of demanding environments with the flexible, always-on network they need at a price point that allows them to continue expanding to meet the needs of their customers."

Internet exchanges around the world rely on the Force10 Reliable Networking™ product portfolio to deliver resilient Gigabit and 10 Gigabit Ethernet services to their customers. In the U.S., the three largest Internet Exchanges have deployed the TeraScale™ E-Series® to connect hundreds of customers. DE-CIX, one of the leading exchanges in Central Europe and JPIX, the leading exchange in Japan, also power their peering services with Force10.

About Force10 Networks

Force10 Networks is the pioneer in building and securing reliable, high performance networks. With its no-compromise approach to networking and advances in high density Gigabit and 10 Gigabit Ethernet switching, routing and security, Force10 delivers the innovative technologies that allow customers to transform their networks into strategic assets at the lowest total cost of ownership. For additional information, please visit www.force10networks.com.

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